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CHANNEL CHATTER

Sheriff's Crime Prevention Night

Sheriff Adrian Garcia will be on hand to discuss preventing crime in our neighborhoods. Exhibits will include helicopter, horse patrol, boats, and mobile command post. **MONDAY, MAY 4th, 6:00-8:00pm**, North Shore Rotary Pavilion, 14350 Wallisville Road. Hosted by Julie Baer. Public Welcome.

SJ Waste Pits EPA Open House

"Superfund Open House for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Site from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Martin Flukinger Community Center, 16003 Lorenzo Street in Channelview, Texas.

Relay for Life

The annual event will be held from 6:00 pm - 1:00 am, Friday May 1 at the track of the North Shore HS Ninth grade campus on Woodforest near Uvalde.

North Channel CC Monthly Lucheon

North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce May monthly Luncheon, May 1, 11:30 am at San Jacinto College North, 5800 Uvalde Rd. inside Monument room of the Student Center.

Health Wellness & Financial Check-Up Day

Health Wellness Screenings include: free blood pressure checks, diabetes testing and dental exams. Learn creative ways to be healthier and more active. Tips on how to buy a home and build your credit. **Saturday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 pm**, IBERIA BANK - East End Branch, 13535 East Freeway, Houston, TX. 77015.

Rotary Food & Resource Fair

Food fair will take place on Friday, May 1, 2015 from 9 am - 12 pm. It will take place at 13022 Keene St., Galena Park, TX., 77547. Other services include dental information, help for applying for SNAP (Food Stamps) and TANF (Temporary Assistancess), Children's Medicaid/CHIP. For more information please call 832-369-9390.

GP Charter Amendments debated

GALENA PARK – With the general election approaching on Saturday, May 9, and Early Voting underway for the Charter Amendment, voters in this community are talking about and debating the 18 amendments that are on the ballot.

Councilman Juan Flores organized three Town Hall Meetings, to present the amendments and give citizens for and against them a forum to discuss and debate their merits.

These meetings were held April 22 at Baggett Center; April 23 at Galena Manor, and April 25 at Woodland Acres.

On hand for each meeting were Council members, City of Galena Park department heads, and a moderator/facilitator.

To start each discussion, Councilman Flores handed out a white paper with the Amendments summarized,



JOE THIBODEAUX, former councilman and Chairman of the Galena Park Amendment Committee, moderates a public meeting held April 23 at Galena Manor, to discuss the 18 amendments that will be voted on May 9th. Also present were all Council members, and department heads. Two other meetings were held, at Baggett Center moderated by Gilbert Hoffman, and Woodland Acres, moderated by Councilman Juan Flores.

and a statement of the need for amending the Charter. The paper stated: "Many of the articles in the City Charter are outdated and should be brought up to current standards." Then Joe Thibodeaux, chairman of the Charter Committee, explained that they met 3 or 4 times over a 3 month period, had 15 members appointed by the Commissioners, and researched and debated each article. The Charter has not been amended since 1979, he said.

At the Baggett Center meeting, moderated by Gilbert Hoffman, most of those attending seemed in favor of the changes. Jack Brown and Dorothy Harding pointed out to the speakers that some of the amendments were already sufficiently codified in the existing charter. At the Galena Manor meeting, moderated by Joe Thibodeaux, citizen Judy Jefferson questioned the definitions of some of the terms in the recommendations.

A surprising lack of opponents at all three meetings did not reflect the obvious noisy objections at the last council meeting, or the proliferation of Anti-Amendment "Save Our City" signs throughout many neighborhoods. It may be that this opposition will appear again at the city council meeting on May 5, or wait to voice their opinions in the Early Voting or Election Day May 9.

If adopted, some amendments would take effect immediately, and some at the next election.

EPA Administrator tours Port, issues grant

HOUSTON, April 24 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy visited the Port of Houston Authority Thursday to formally announce the Port Authority's award of a second grant aimed at improving air quality in the region. She announced the port will receive a Diesel Emission Reduction Act

(DERA) grant of nearly \$900,000.

This newest grant, which will have a match by Richardson Companies and Gulf Winds of \$1,680,142, will have a total commitment of more than \$2.5 million. The Port Authority's role will be to administer and manage the grant and pass through the

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AT THE PORT, in front of the new Diesel trucks, are Executive Director Roger Guenther, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, Port Commission Chairman Janiece Longoria, Jack Steele, Houston Galveston Area Council and Dr. Elena Craft, Environmental Defense Fund.

Sylvester Turner endorsed for Mayor by three House Colleagues

HOUSTON, April 24, 2015 – Sylvester Turner was endorsed by three of his colleagues in the Texas House: Ana Hernandez, Hubert Vo and Armando Walle.

At a news conference today, Turner pointed out that Houston is the most diverse city in America.

"All voices need to be heard," said Turner. "Everyone deserves a seat at the table. That's the only way Houston will continue to prosper and grow. That's why I am especially grateful to be endorsed today by these colleagues."

Rep. Hernandez, District 143, said she has seen firsthand Turner's leadership.

"Representative Turner brings people together to tackle the tough issues," Hernandez said. "He will bring that leadership from the state to the city of Houston. I am proud to endorse him for Mayor."

Rep. Walle, whose District



Sylvester Turner, third from left, is endorsed for Houston Mayor by three of his Texas House colleagues at a news conference. With Turner are, left to right, Tim Dinh representing Rep. Hubert Vo, Rep. Armando Walle and Rep. Ana Hernandez.

140 adjoins Turner's District 139, has worked collaboratively with Turner on a number of issues, including the Appro-

priations Committee.

"Sylvester Turner has ris-

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NORTH SHORE

Judge Parrott's annual "Spring Fling" draws record crowds

NORTH SHORE – Judge Mike Parrott was surrounded by friends and supporters last Monday night, as he hosted his annual Spring Fling at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion next to the Court House Annex on Wallisville Road.

Over 1200 people attended, enjoying the fish and shrimp dinner, and greeting friends. They also participated in the live and silent auctions, with many unusual or special items up for bid, such as vacations, game tickets to the Texans and Astros, and sports memorabilia including a popular jersey for No. 99, J. J. Watt.

There was a lot of politics taking place in the crowd too, with a full field of candidates for the soon to be vacant seats of Constable Ken Jones and Judge Parrott shaking hands and making their presence known to all the potential voters on hand.



Deby and Mike Parrott, and Denise Smith greet friends and supporters at Parrott's SPRING FLING at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville Road. The event drew a record crowd for the Fish & Shrimp Fry, live and silent auctions, last Monday evening, after the golf tournament earlier in the day. Over 1200 dinners were served, and many East Harris County citizens turned out for the event. MORE PHOTOS INSIDE.

CHANNELVIEW JOB FAIR

Over 250 Job seekers attend Congressman Green's Job Fair



Congressman Gene Green with student from North Shore Senior High at his 13th Annual Job Fair at San Jacinto College North. SEE STORY, page 3

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rotary hears of Essential Oils...

Highlands Rotarians heard about the qualities of natural oils, known as Essential Oils, from Barbara McPhee, a registered nurse and an insurance agent specializing in healthcare.

McPhee said that oils made from plants, ground into oils, have special qualities that have been known and appreciated over the centuries.

These include medical uses or qualities of life enhancement. They have been known and used to treat mental and physical problems.

These essential oils have healing and restoring qualities, and are metabolized as nutrients to the body.

However, she said that traditional physicians cannot prescribe these oils, due to liability issues.

McPhee had a long list of different types of oils, and a thick reference book of ailments and oil treatments.

As an example, she mentioned lemon oils, or grapefruit oils, as good for weightloss. She said that they attack stored fats to work.

Another example she mentioned were therapeutic oils, in

the case of her grandson, who had what is known as a "lazy eye." Instead of the tradition-



al therapy, which consists of an eye patch, it was successfully treated with frankincense oils.

These Essential oils can be used three ways:

- inhaled
- taken internally
- applied topically.

McPhee said that a company known as Young Living has developed the technique of growing and processing these oils, and today is a leader in the field.

She emphasized, however, that this information is for individual education, and not medical advice.

A Mother's Day Luncheon

Calling all mothers in the Huffman and Crosby area to come to a Mother's Day luncheon hosted by May Community Center on Friday May 8, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. A \$5 suggested donation covers the cost of food, however, ALL mothers eat FREE! Advance registration is required by Tuesday, May 5th. Transportation will be provided from Crosby Community Center on a first come, first serve basis. Call either Center to register: Crosby (281) 462-0452 or May (713) 274-2434.

Kids2Gether Summer Program

Children of all ages are invited to May Community Center Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23 and July 7, 14 and 21 at 10 a.m. for a variety of fun-filled programs. Advanced registration is required for each program.

Registration begins Monday, May 11. A \$2 per child suggested donation for each program helps defray the cost of special entertainment, supplies, prizes and refreshments. For more information and to register, call the Center at 713-274-2434.

Rep. Babin honors area high school artists at Congressional art competition awards ceremony

Washington, DC –U.S. Rep. Brian Babin (TX-36) on Saturday hosted an awards ceremony at Space Center Houston to honor the participants of his 2015 Congressional Art Competition. Babin was joined by NASA Astronaut Kevin Ford in announcing Crosby High School's Tsz Kwan Ho as this year's first place winner.

Due to her temporary status in the United States as an exchange student, Tsz will be unable to attend the national ceremony in Washington, and has conceded top honors to Deer Park's Keagan Denney.

"Thank you to all the students who participated in this year's Congressional Art Competition," said Rep. Babin. "I could not be more impressed with the level of talent and skill displayed by these young men and women. Congratulations to both Tsz Kwan Ho and Keagan Denney for their outstanding pieces of artwork."

Keagan's inspiring depiction of space exploration will represent the people of our district proudly in the U.S. Capitol."

Keagan's artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for an entire year, and he will receive two roundtrip tickets to Washington, compliments of Southwest Airlines, to attend the national Congressional Art Competition ceremony.

Congressional Art Competition Winners:

1st Place: Keagan Denney, Abeka Academy, Deer Park
2nd Place: JoAnn Chung, Clear Lake High School
3rd Place: Sara Zare, Deer Park High School-South

Honorable Mentions:

·Mikaela Gonzalez, Buna High School
·Kady Wagnone, Crosby High School
·Jenna Heiselbetz, Buna High School



International student wins art competition

Tsz Kwan Ho, an exchange student from Hong Kong, attending Crosby High School recently won 1st place in a art competition put on by Congressman Brian Babin. She won a \$3000 scholarship and 2 tickets to fly to Washington DC for the ceremonial presentation.



Rep. Babin congratulates Keagan Denney for his artwork Tsz Kwan Ho has conceded top honors to Deer Park's Keagan Denney.



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COMMUNITY, SCHOOL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CIP Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015 from 5:45 pm to 8:15 p.m. At Alvin Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene in Galena Park. Call 281-326-5253 for more information.

APRIL North Channel Library events

-Friday & Saturday, May 1 & May 2, Library Book Sale.
-Monday, May 4, 4:30 p.m. Monday Movie Madness.
-Tuesday, May 5, 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time; 1:30 p.m. Preschool Story.
-Wed., May 6, 4:30 p.m., Wii Game Day.
-Thur., May 7, 10:30 a.m. Baby Time,
COMPUTER CLASSES:
-Introduction to Word, Lecture, May 4, 1-3 pm.
-Introduction to Word, Practice, May 6, 1-3 pm
•Registration required.
CLASES DE COMPUTACION
-Introducción a Word, Lectura, Mayo 5, 10-12 pm.
-Introducción a Word, Practica, Mayo 7, 10-12 pm.
-Introducción a Email, Parte 1, Mayo 6, 6-7:45 p.m.
•Se requiere registraci3n.
Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information

MAY Galena Park Library events

-Wednesday, May, 6, 11 am, Story Time; 1 pm, Computaci3n B3sica I; 3:30 pm, Computer Basics I.
-Thursday, May 7, 11 am, Baby Time; 3:30 pm, Mother's Day Craft. Please call the library at 713-450-0982 for more details.
The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547.

SATURDAY NIGHTS The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

Channelview ISD's April Students of the Month

Channelview ISD recently honored their Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon in the top level of the press box at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium. The April Students of the Month include, top row, from left, Luz Maria Torres Huerta (Aguirre Junior High), Kristal Ortega (De Zavala Elementary), Mia Rodriguez (Cobb Elementary), Summer Ijarah (Alice Johnson Junior High), Monica Moreno (Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center), Itzayana Vences (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center) and Endy Lara (Channelview High School). Pictured in front are, from left, Justin Hernandez



(Hamblen Elementary), Elaina Gonzalez (McMullan Elementary), Jessica Salinas (Brown Elementary), Aubrianna Covarrubias (Crenshaw Elementary) and Nancy Villarreal (Schochler Elementary).



GPISD Bands & Choirs Excel at UIL Contest

This spring, a GPISD record 17 bands, along with 29 GPISD choirs, entered UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contests with groups receiving an unprecedented 26 Sweepstakes trophies (First Division rating in both the concert and sight-reading portions of the evaluation) and an additional 12 First Division plaques in either the Concert or Sight-reading portion of the evaluation. Additionally, North Shore Senior HS, with four bands and eight choirs entered more groups than any other school in the Greater Houston Area, all of which received Sweepstakes.

Suspect wanted in a fast food robbery

Crime Stoppers and Robbery Investigators with the Harris County Sheriff's Office need the public's help in identifying one male suspect responsible for an aggravated robbery at a fast food restaurant in Harris County, Texas. On March 30, 2015, Harris County Deputies responded to a call at a fast food restaurant, located in the 500 block of Sheldon Road, in reference to

an aggravated robbery. Deputies arrived and met with the female employee. The victim advised the Deputy that at approximately 10:15 p.m. the suspect entered the restaurant wielding a handgun. The suspect proceeded to jump over the service counter, pointed the gun at the victim, and demanded cash out of the cash registers. The victim complied with the suspects demands.

The suspect then fled the scene in an unknown direction.

If you have any information about this crime, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

You never have to give your name, and if your information leads to the criminal's arrest, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$5,000.

Job Fair hosts 51 employers, over 250 job seekers

HOUSTON - On Monday, Congressman Gene Green held his 13th Annual Job Fair, which hosted over 50 employers and more than 250 job candidates at the San Jacinto College North Campus. Many participants made connections with employers and began the interview process, others were offered jobs immediately.

"We had a great turn-out of participants, and a very successful job fair" Green said. "North Shore Senior High brought a group of students, and two of them landed jobs during the event at Dow Emergency and TXU Energy. Other students like many participants, applied for jobs on the spot or planned to do it online."

Over 50 companies and organizations participated in the event from both the public and private sector, and a variety of industries. Full-time, part-time and seasonal positions

were advertised for an array of skill sets ranging from police cadets to engineers to life guards.

Ms. Delier Terrell a representative from the City of Houston's Human Resources Department said, "The City of Houston has been a proud participant of Congressman Green's Job Fair for 13 years. This event always draws high attendance from strong candidates. We were able to get several candidates started on the interview process throughout our various departments. We look forward to participating in the next job fair."

The fair was held in partnership with Workforce Solutions and the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce. For a full list of participating employers, visit Congressman Gene Green's website. Details for the upcoming job fair in September 2015 will also be posted on the website as soon as they become available.

Ambulance stolen from local medical center

A man stole an ambulance from East Houston Medical Center on Tuesday, April 21.

Houston Police Department said the incident happened around 10:50 p.m. on the medical center located along the East Freeway near Uvalde Road.

The man jumped into the ambulance that was at the hospital and drove away. Police were able to track it down

by GPS system near Normandy. Police tried to stop the driver, but he refused and sped away, police said.

The man continued to drive north and entered U.S. 90.

Harris County Sheriff's deputies used spike strips to make him stop.

After the chase, the ambulance ended with three flat tires; the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Driver crashes into business in North Shore

A car crashed into a glass company in North Shore last Saturday, April 25.

According to police, a father and his daughter were leaving the Home Depot located on Market St. around 6:00 p.m. when two men tried to reach

inside their car. The father sped off but the suspects chased them. The suspects' car rear-ended the back of the father's car and lost control, smashing into NorthShore Glass' storefront. No one was hurt and the two suspects are still on the run.

Date night just got more interesting

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OPINION

Nine simple and effective ways to save energy

(NAPSI)—When it comes to keeping your home comfortable, you can keep your cool—and more of your cold cash—if you heed these nine hints:

1. Don't cool an empty house. Keep your house warmer than normal when you are away, and lower the thermostat setting to 78° F only when you are at home and need cooling. A programmable thermostat can make it easy.

2. Don't try to cool the house faster with a colder-than-normal setting. It doesn't work that way and could result in unnecessary expense.

3. Be a fan of fans. A ceiling fan will let you raise the air conditioner setting about 4° F with no reduction in comfort. Just remember to turn it off when you leave the room. Fans cool people, not places. Consider installing fans in the kitchen, bathroom and laundry room, and be sure they're vented to the outside.

4. Don't let your cooling dollars go out the window. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, "A good way to keep your house cool in the summer is to shade it from the outside...any way that stops the sun before it gets through the glass is seven times as good at keeping you cool as blinds or curtains on the inside." Solar screening is just such an outside sun barrier, with specially designed yarns for strength and a tight weave for better shading ability. Sun control screens work with the window open or closed, offering daytime privacy while reducing the chances of drapes and furniture fading. Just like conventional fiberglass screening, these screens offer excellent insect protection, even against tiny pests, are easy to see out of, and let air flow in well when the window is open. Using

the same method as standard insect screening, Phifer's Sun Control Products can be installed by a professional or the homeowners themselves as a screen on the outside of the window or in a porch application. The screens block 65 to 90 percent of solar heat and glare before they enter the glass for a more comfortable indoor temperature, more efficient air-conditioning and energy conservation. In fact, studies have shown that shaded windows can save up to 25 percent of the cost of air-conditioning when compared to unshaded windows. These shading fabrics are woven with either fiberglass or vinyl-coated polyester yarns, and many have Microban® antimicrobial product protection to inhibit the growth of bacteria, mold and mildew. Phifer Sun Control Products come in a range of colors, including black, beige, brown, gray, stucco, rattan and bronze, to complement the appearance of the home.

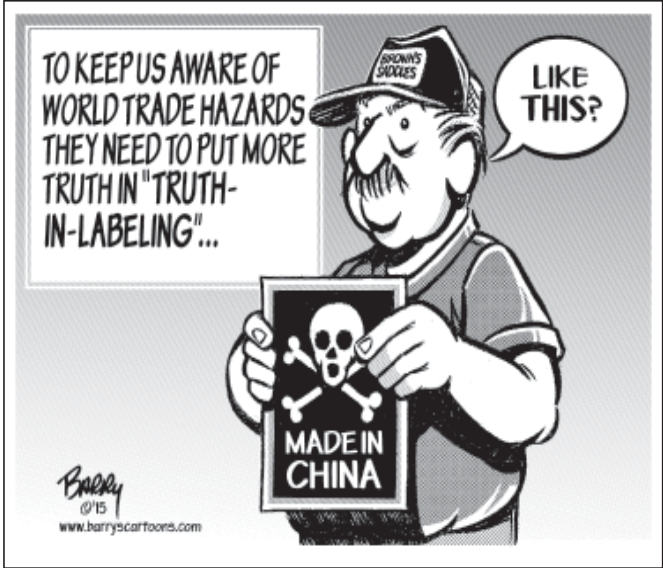
5. Don't let your thermostat be fooled by lamps or TV sets nearby. It will sense the heat these appliances give off and "think" the whole house is warmer than it is.

6. It's a bright idea to use efficient lighting that runs cooler than incandescent bulbs.

7. Keep hot air from leaking in. Caulk and weather-strip to seal air leaks around doors and windows.

8. Use heat-related appliances sparingly. Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes. Consider air-drying both.

9. Stay out of hot water. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120° F). Take short showers instead of baths.



House, Senate state budget conferees roll up sleeves

AUSTIN — With barely more than a month left in the regular session of the Texas Legislature, it's time for the House and Senate to do whatever can be done to reach an all-points agreement on House Bill 1, the state budget for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

A widely reported sticky area in the estimated \$211 billion budget is over which taxes to cut and how much to cut. House and Senate conferees will meet this week. From both ends of the Capitol, the budget has a ways-and-means inertia to it, with House leaders pushing for cuts in the state sales tax rate and the state franchise tax. Senate leaders favor more emphasis on cutting homeowners' property tax rates, a job traditionally in line with the normal functions of local governmental bodies.

School districts, for example, get most of their revenue from local property taxes, and under the Senate plan, the state would have to make up for revenue lost to property tax cuts. The House plan, touted to provide some \$5 billion in tax relief through other means, includes the first-ever reduction in state sales tax, with a 0.30-cent reduction in rate from the current 6.25 percent to 5.95 percent. Wherever such matters settle, the state's checkbook must balance. Tax cuts will have to be "paid for" by corresponding cuts to budget items, such as health care, education, transportation and public safety.

Last week, House Speaker Joe Strauss and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick picked five members each for the conference committee on HB 1: House Appropriations Chair John Otto, R-Dayton; Rep. Trent Ashby, R-Lufkin; Rep. Sarah Davis, R-Houston; Rep. Larry Gonzales, R-Round Rock; and Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston; and Senate Finance Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound; Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston; freshman Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham; and Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown.

Abbott challenges haze rule

Gov. Greg Abbott on April 22 submitted comments to the federal Environmental Protection Agency's Air Planning Section over the agency's

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proposed regional-haze rule.

Abbott said the EPA's proposed action "is unlawful on multiple fronts, and perhaps most egregiously it would impose a \$2 billion burden in compliance costs and threaten the reliability of Texas' energy grid — without any discernible benefits."

The governor is arguing that the EPA: (1) does not have the authority to regulate "invisible" haze; (2) oversteps its statutory authority by imposing a compliance cost on Texas; (3) discriminates against Texas by imposing a different standard than it has on California; and (4) is basing the proposed rule on outdated data from 2009.

Senate OKs body camera bill

The Texas Senate on April 23 passed SB 158, legislation authored by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, that creates a framework for the use of body cameras by police officers.

The cameras, to be worn by officers to record interactions between them and members of the public, may help "restore credibility and trust in our law enforcement agencies," West said.

While West's bill does not mandate that police departments adopt the use of body cameras, it does create a grant program at the Office of the Governor that local law enforcement agencies can apply for to help offset the cost of purchasing equipment.

During floor debate, West said that documenting encounters between police officers and citizens reduces complaints against police, incidents of lethal force and lawsuits against law enforcement. "People act different on

camera," he said.

Injection well hearings planned

Southern Methodist University on April 21 announced an SMU-led seismology team has found that "high volumes of wastewater injection combined with brine extraction from natural gas wells is the most likely cause of earthquakes occurring near Azle, Texas, from late 2013 through spring 2014."

On April 24, the oil and gas industry-regulating Texas Railroad Commission directed the agency's hearings division to initiate proceedings requiring the operators of two disposal wells in the area of Azle, 17 miles northwest of Fort Worth, to "show cause" why the injection permits for the wells should not be cancelled and the wells ordered shut-in, due to an alleged connection raised by new seismic research between ongoing operation of the wells and seismic activity in the vicinity.

OPINION By Governor Greg Abbott

Same-Sex Marriage Cases

AUSTIN — Texas Governor Greg Abbott released the following statement in advance of the United States Supreme Court hearing oral arguments today in a series of cases over whether states' same-sex marriage bans are constitutional:

"Texans voted overwhelmingly to define marriage in this State as the union of one man and one woman. As Texas' attorney general, I defended the definition of marriage in the Texas Constitution against court challenges, and I commend Attorney General Paxton for continuing that work. Texans—not unelected federal judges—should decide this important question for their State. I sincerely hope the U.S. Supreme Court will respect the sovereign right of States to define marriage."

Understanding Depression

(NAPSI)—Pondering six important points can help you answer the question "Are you depressed" about yourself or someone you care about.

According to Healthline.com, one in 10 Americans experience depression at some point in their lives yet only about 20 percent seek professional medical help—even though the malady is completely treatable.

"May is National Mental Health Month," says Dr. Paul Corona, author of the book series "Healing the Mind & Body: The Trilogy." "Why not take this month to reflect on your own mental health by answering a few simple questions? Your answers may surprise you."

- Have you lost interest in doing things you used to enjoy?
- Are you more sad or crying more than usual?
- Do you have low energy, motivation and drive?
- Are you sleeping more or less than usual?
- Do you feel hopeless, helpless and worthless?
- Do you have suicidal thoughts or recurring thoughts of death?

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Judge Parrott's Spring Fling



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Galena Park's Joe Stephens and his wife were on hand, as well as Constable Chris Diaz and Jacinto Mayor Ana Diaz. That's the long and short of the story, you might say.

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church to hosts annual bazaar

On May 17 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church at 800 South Main in Highlands will entertain guests for the **forty-third consecutive year!**

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She was born in Baytown, Texas on April 16, 1950 to Ruby Faye Dougharty Sonnier and Saven A. Sonnier. She enjoyed crafts and quilting, was very active in church activities, as well as, playing piano and singing in the choir. She had an upbeat personality and was a selfless and giving person. Much of the community referred to her as "Sweet Mary". She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents. Mary is survived by her children, Kamran Majeed (and wife, Amanda) and Shahla Mobley (and husband, David); her grandchildren, Chelsea Majeed and Sawyer and Scarlet Mobley; her sister, LaDonna McCaslin (and husband, Stanley); her brother, Andy Sonnier (and wife, Connie); four nieces and one nephew; and many great nieces and nephews and extended cousins.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas on Friday evening May 1, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.. Services will be held at First Baptist Church Highlands on Saturday morning May 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be in Sterling-White Cemetery.

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By Danny Biddy

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According to Reuters News Agency, scientists in Poland are working on body armor technology made from a specially designed liquid. When the liquid material is struck by a bullet or other projectile, it becomes ridged by absorbing the impact and dispersing the energy.

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1. Is the book of 2 Samuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In Luke 22, Jesus' disciples followed Him to what "Mount of"? Carmel, Zion, Olives, Pisgah

3. What future Israelite leader as a baby was described as "exceedingly fair"? Solomon, David, Herod, Moses

4. From Judges 16, how many times did Delilah say Samson mocked her? 1, 3, 5, 7

5. According to Ecclesiastes 6, what has already been named? Everything, Stars, Fishes, Great Sea

6. The name Lucifer means what kind of "bearer" in Latin? Gift, False, Light, Demonic

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SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

Baseball team to host breast cancer awareness game

HOUSTON, Texas - The San Jacinto College baseball team will help raise funds for Angel Flight South Central, an organization that helps breast cancer patients, at the sixth annual Play Pink game on Saturday, May 2. San Jacinto College will face off against conference rival Blinn College for a double header, with the first game starting at 4 p.m., at John Ray Harrison Field on the North Campus.

"The Play Pink events in past years were successful, and we hope the community will once again come out to support this worthy cause, while enjoying some good baseball action," commented Head Coach Tom Arrington.

Assistant coach Jimmy Durham lost his wife, Michele, to breast cancer 11 years ago. At the time, Durham was on the coaching staff at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, New Mexico. While Michele was being treated in Houston, the couple used the services of Angel Flight South Central (formerly Grace Flight of America) to fly Michele to and from New Mexico and Houston free of charge.

Angel Flight South Central provides free air transportation for medical and humanitarian purposes. The organization's goal is to re-



move the transportation burden from patients so they can receive specialized medical treatment that may not be available to them locally. Angel Flight South Central also has a ground crew that drives patients to and from the local airports in their communities to hospitals.

The organization not only flew Michele to and from Houston for treatment, but would also occasionally fly one or all of the Durham's five children, so that they would not be far from their mother. "(Angel Flight) literally helped keep our family together," said Durham, who is now in his tenth season as an assistant coach at San Jacinto College. "They allowed the entire family to be together at least some of the time, and gave our children an opportunity to be with their mother."

All money raised from donations at the May 2 game will go directly to Angel Flight South Central. San Jacinto College players and coaches will wear special pink jerseys during the game. Fans are encouraged to wear pink to support the cause, and can bid on auction items, which will include sports memorabilia.

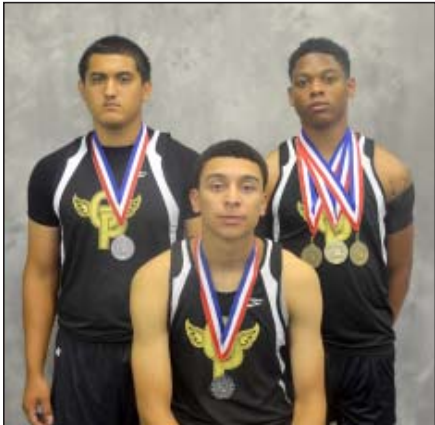
Durham says he hopes the Play Pink event not only raises awareness for Angel Flight South Central, but monetary help as well. "The pilots volunteer their time, planes, and fuel to help others," added Durham. "They pay for these flights themselves, unselfishly, and need more funding to continue to serve people in need."

San Jacinto College baseball games are free to attend, but donations will be accepted for admission to the Play Pink game. All San Jacinto College baseball home games are played at the North Campus at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston. For information about the San Jacinto College baseball team, please visit sanjacsports.com.

For information about Angel Flight South Central, or to make donations, visit the organization's website at angelflightsc.org.

Galena Park HS sends three to Regional Meet

Three athletes from Galena Park High School qualified for the regional track meet that will be held at Bower Stadium (Sam Houston State University) May 1-2. Fletcher Sherrod qualified in three events, 300M hurdles, long jump and triple jump, with first place finishes in each event at the district meet. Alberto Aguirre and Xavier Vasquez each earned silver medals in the discus and high jump (respectively) to earn a trip to the regional track meet.



North Shore Sends 23 Athletes to Regional Track Meet

The Area Track Meet was held Thursday, April 23 at the GPISD Track & Field Complex. Top athletes from Districts 21-6A and 22-6A competed for the right to advance to the regional meet, to be held at Crump Stadium in Alief ISD on May 1-2, 2015. All athletes finishing first - fourth compete in the regional meet. As a team, the girls scored 82 points and earned a second place finish in the meet. The boys' team took first place in the meet, scoring 147 points. The girls who advanced are listed below, with their event and respective place finished in the area meet:

400M: 1st - Taylor Crouch, 4th - Sasha Wimbley.
300M Hurdles: 2nd - Aysha

Anderson.
4 x100M Relay: 4th - Jessica Arroyo, Aysha Anderson, Teshaye Berry and Xavier Fields.
4x 200M Relay: 4th - Xavier Fields, Teshaye Berry, Deja Hughes and Aysha Anderson.
4x 400M Relay: 1st - Sasha Wimbley, Deja Hughes, Xavier Fields and Taylor Crouch.
High Jump: 1st - Taylor Crouch, 3rd - Alyssa Okoene .
The boys who advanced are listed below, with their event and respective place finished in the area meet:

4X 100M Relay: 3rd - Deondrick Mitchner, Autria Lynch, Tristian Houston and Keenan Sneed.
300M Hurdles: 1st - Carl Guillory, 2nd - John Blanson.

4 x200M Relay: 3rd - Keenan Sneed, Ralph Davis, Tristian Houston and Deondrick Mitchner.
4 x400M Relay: 3rd - Keenan Sneed, Ralph Davis, Jacob Corriveau and Robert Lewis.
Pole Vault: 3rd - Zafir Murphy, 4th - Joseph Caldwell.
Triple Jump: 1st - Kerwin Roach, 3rd - Autria Lynch.
Long Jump: 2nd - Kerwin Roach.
Discus: 1st - Maciah Long
400M: 3rd - Robert Lewis, 4th - Jacob Corriveau.
800M: 3rd - Eduardo Garcia
1600M: 3rd - Eduardo Garcia.
110M Hurdles: 1st - Carl Guillory, 2nd - Vernon Williams, 3rd - John Blanson.



The North Shore girls track team earned 2nd place at the area meet, sending 8 athletes to the regional track meet.

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EPA AT PORT,

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funds to the companies.

This DERA grant round was directed toward port projects as part of the clean diesel projects at U.S. ports. The Port Authority partnered with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) for the latest grant application. A total of 25 drayage trucks will replace trucks operating in the Port of Houston (13 for Richardson, 12 for Gulf Winds).

The Port Authority application included support letters from Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), Air Alliance Houston, the North American Strategy for Competitiveness (NASCO) and the EDF.

As the nation's largest port in terms of foreign waterborne tonnage, the port and the Houston region continues to demonstrate strong growth. The Port Authority marked a record year in 2014.

"We celebrate that the Port of Houston is growing and thriving, while still reducing pollution," Administrator McCarthy said. "The DERA program is a good investment for both business and the environment."

The Port Authority earlier this year was awarded a DERA grant for almost \$900,000 in funding to replace 14 older drayage trucks.

"The announcement of these new EPA grants is very much appreciated as they will certainly help the Port of Houston Authority in its com-

mitment to environmental stewardship and improving air quality in the region," said Port Commission Chairman Janiece Longoria. "At the Port Authority, balancing business with environmental stewardship is a key priority. We always strive to work in harmony with our communities at large and the environmental community in particular."

The latest funding will provide for new trucks powered by certified engines that are model year 2011 or newer. These drayage trucks operate in the Port of Houston and along the Houston Ship Channel. McCarthy noted the new trucks will be 90 percent cleaner.

The new trucks will also have GPS units to collect data on idling and port operations, which will allow fleet owners and operators to gauge opportunities for additional fuel savings and emissions reduction. These reductions are important to overall air quality in the Houston-Galveston area.

Periodic workshops and events will educate operators and service personnel on proper maintenance and operation of clean diesel and alternative field engines.

All trucks will be replaced with model year 2015 on-road DOT certified terminal tractors. The project will reduce 111 tons NOx, 5.0 tons PM, 5.1 tons HC and 35 tons CO over the lifetime of project.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION and NOTICE OF HEARING

It appearing from the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights in this cause that the address and domicile of the Respondents, LESLIE METZNER and JONATHAN BLAKE, is unknown and cannot be ascertained so that ordinary process cannot be served upon the Respondent.

It is therefore ordered that the Respondent, LESLIE METZNER and JONATHAN BLAKE, will appear and make defense within thirty (30) days to the Petition, or the same will be taken for confessed as to default and set for hearing ex parte. If there is no answer, **a hearing will be held on the 22nd day of July, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** Failure to answer or appear may result in termination of the Respondents' parental rights to the child referenced above.

A copy of this order and notice of hearing shall be published for four consecutive weeks in the Highlands Star, a newspaper published in Huffman, Texas, the last known residence for the Respondents, LESLIE METZNER and JONATHAN BLAKE.

Within that time Respondents are required to serve a copy of their pleadings upon Philip M. Jacobs, Petitioners' Attorney whose address is P.O. BOX 191, 30 Second Street, NW, Cleveland, TN 37364-0191.

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en above politics," Walle said. "His is a voice people listen to both Democrats and Republicans. Representative Turner is a fierce advocate for his district; as mayor, he will be a fierce advocate for the entire city."
Rep. Vo, District 149, was unable to attend the news conference but his assistant Tim Dinh read a statement from him.
"I want a Houston mayor who knows how to recognize the issues important to our great city and get things done," said Vo in his statement. "I have personally witnessed his effectiveness time and time again. I know we can count on Sylvester Turner to fight important battles, no matter how big or small, and to do what is in the best inter-

ests of our citizens."
"Houston is like a big family - and I know what that's like," said Turner. "I was one of nine kids who grew up in a small house in Acres Homes and went on to become a businessman and community leader. My dad started a yard service and my mom worked as a maid in the old Rice Hotel. Just like any big family, Houston is strongest when we work hard, work together, respect each other's differences and always put the good of the community first."
In the Legislature, Turner has worked to stop utility companies from unfairly raising gas and electricity rates and to make health care more affordable for children and families. He has also led the fight

to restore billions of dollars in cuts to public schools. As a small business owner, Turner has provided good jobs, affordable health care and a secure future for his employees for 31 years.
Turner's priorities as mayor will include a top-to-bottom performance review of the city's Department of Public Works and implementation of a quick-fix program for potholes; stepping up community policing efforts and improving relationships between HPD and communities of color; and addressing economic inequality through increased support for schools and better aligning community college-based workforce training with actual private sector job needs.

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